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Accused Spy Tells of U.S. Plot

WASHINGTON, May 13 (UPI) — Richard Craig Smith, an accused spy, says he passed American military secrets to a K.G.B. officer in Japan as part of a clandestine operation by the Central Intelligence Agency to infiltrate Soviet intelligence.

Mr. Smith, a former Army counter-intelligence specialist, was arrested April 4 by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on charges of disclosing the identities of six American double agents to Viktor I. Okunev for \$11,000 in two meetings in Tokyo last year and in 1982. He was released on \$500,000 bond last week and faces trial July 9 in Federal District Court in Alexandria, Va.

In an interview published today in The Washington Post, Mr. Smith, a 40-year-old native of Bellevue, Wash.,

said he was instructed by the C.I.A. to pose as an American businessman with terminal cancer who would "sell anything," including military secrets, to put aside a nest egg for his family.

"That gave me a motivation for being willing to say something I probably shouldn't say and it also allowed the C.I.A. to put me in and establish the contact and then take me out very quickly — I'd just get sick," Mr. Smith said in an interview last week conducted with his attorneys present.

The Post's article said the C.I.A. refused to comment on Mr. Smith's statements. But Joseph Aronica, an Assistant United States Attorney who is prosecuting the case, said: "The Justice Department doesn't move forward on a case of this nature unless there is full consultation."